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# THE STICK

All School Social  
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## Everything In Readiness For All-School Social

### BASKETBALL PROSPECTS LOOK ENCOURAGING

The basketball team is slowly rounding into shape under the leadership of Coach Creamer and Captain Daniels. The team has been cut down to 12 players.

Coach Raymond Creamer, our versatile athlete, should have another banner season this year. All he has to do is play his usual game.

For Captain Joe Daniels, we can say the same, for he, teamed with Creamer, are the spear heads of our hard-trying basketeers of last year and incidentally were the high scorers of the team although playing together as guards. The burden of the team rests on the shoulders of these two outstanding athletes. Good luck to you two, carry on.

Aubrey Hastings with a years playing behind him, has shown much dash and fight. We expect  
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### BERTRAM BENNETT FRESHMEN PRESIDENT

The Freshman class recently elected the following officers: President, Bertram Bennett; vice-president, Ursula Mulcahy; secretary, Ruth Kaspar; treasurer, John Mulski.

President Bennett was graduated from Ansonia High School in Connecticut where he served as vice-president of his class, and from Bridgeport Trade School where he was Editor of the school paper and Validictorian of his class.

The balloting was conducted in Mr. Hammond's office during of Tuesday, November 23rd. the day of Tuesday, November 23rd.

### SUGGESTED REDUCTIONS IN TEACHERS COLLEGES

A report suggesting that the nine state colleges training teachers be reduced to four and that the others be made junior colleges for the general public was adopted on November nineteenth at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Junior High Principals Association.

The report also recommended noone with a speech defect be admitted to a teachers college and that no one be admitted with "neurotic tendencies."

This meeting left still unsettled the old question, "When may we hope the discussion about closing the teachers college will be settled".

### PUBLIC LIBRARY GREATLY IMPROVED

The renovated Fitchburg Public library was opened to the public on Friday, November 12th.

During the past ten months the library has made definite strides in reorganization. This has been accomplished because the library budget, through the use of library trust funds and a generous increase by the Mayor and City Council for this year, has begun to approximate that of a normal library budget for a city of this size. The adult rooms have been redecorated, a new charging desk and system have been installed, and new book stacks have been added. Because of these improvements it will now be possible to make the entire book collection available for direct use by the public.

### ENTIRE SCHOOL TO ATTEND WEDNESDAY

Our All-College Social, held each year for the purpose of raising funds to help defray the expenses of the delegates who attend the New York Conference, is to be held this year on Wednesday, December 8, and it should be a huge success, but this depends entirely upon the whole student body and the Faculty.

Most of the upper classmen know about this event, but, for the benefit of the Freshmen: this is the time of year that we have the most fun. This is an extremely informal affair at which we all let down our hair and join in on all the activities.

There will be dancing in the library all afternoon for those who wish to dance; there will be Beano in one of the rooms on the second floor under the capable and fine leadership of Messieurs O'Sheasy, Creamer, and Gearan.  
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### DEAN ANTHONY IS SPEAKER IN BALTIMORE

Mr. Willis Anthony, Director of the Practical Arts department, was one of the speakers at the thirty first annual convention of the National American Vocational Association, being held in Baltimore, Maryland on December 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Mr. Anthony spoke on Thursday, December 2nd at one of the series of the division of Industrial Arts Education. His subject was "Industrial Arts-Forward Marching Steps in N. E."

This convention is observing the 20th anniversary of the past  
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## EDITORIAL

### STAG INSULT

Yes, fellows we are all very tired after the long day of classes and outside activities on Monday, while the bony hand of the week-end still tugs at our weary eyelids.

This might not matter so much if we weren't by nature a shy and retiring crew. We hate to make advances.

Still there is an insult implied when a dozen girls have to stand around at the Monday dances looking wishfully across at a stag line a mile long.

Our reserve and our fatigue make the situation hopeless. There is no way out—unless we listen to her who has this suggestion. If you aren't going to dance, don't be rude about it. Spare the girls the insult; stay away.

State Teachers College  
Bridgewater, Mass.

Dear Editor:

We, the delegates from Bridgewater, wish to express our thanks to you for such a profitable and enjoyable time Friday.

We hashed it all over on the way home and decided it was one grand success.

Sincerely,  
Olga Skerston,  
Editor,  
Bridgewater S. T. C.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

These songs remind us of:

Once In a While. Homework  
You Can't Have Everything  
N. Y. A. check

Twilight in Turkey Thanksgiving Night

The Big Apple Monday Night  
Dance

Have You Got Any Castles? P. A. Men

So Rare Intelligence

And I Am Yours - Ray Creamer

Smarty Porkers and B. N.'s  
The Natural Thing to Do

### SCROWGING

Whispers in the Dark Cribbing

You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming Faculty

Can I Forget You Alumni

If It's The Last Thing I Do Graduation

The Old Flame Never Dies H. Moore - L. White

You Are Temptation - Flo Lovell  
—and I am yours - Ray Creamer

The morning After Need I say more?

You're My Desire A's  
Midnight in the Madhouse

Palmer Hall

I Still Love to Kiss You Good-night E. Scully-W. Vorse

I'm Working My Way Through College Us in General

The Love Bug Paul Haire,  
Entomologist

Laugh Your Way Through Life Anna Clifford

Finlandia Helmi Matilainen

## JUNIOR CLASS RINGS

Members of the Junior Class have voted to order their class rings from the Balfour Company of Attleboro, Mass. The company has held the contract for the past three years for Fitchburg Teachers College rings. The same die will be used for this class as in former rings, with the stone, according to individual choice.

## ASSEMBLY REVIEW THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

The Thanksgiving program given at assembly on Tuesday, November 23, was arranged by the Art Club and the Stage Design group with the assistance of the orchestra and the choral-speaking group.

A series of tableau portraying various celebrations of Thanksgiving were presented by sixty students in the college. The tableau included a Hebrew festival, "Sacrifice by fire"; a Greek scene, "Bearing Gifts to Demeter", a Roman feast, "Banquet Festival", an Indian tableau, "Around the Campfire"; an English scene, "The Feast of Harvest Home", and a Pilgrim scene, "The First Thanksgiving..."

The music played by the orchestra during the Greek tableau was taken from a grave-stone of the first century A. D.

The song sung during the Roman scene was used at the very first colleges and was based on an old folk tune of early Roman times.

The Indian music was a Chippewa air played on a tom-tom and flute.

Miss Ann Hyland, president of the Art Club, gave descriptions of the customs of the people portrayed in the six tableau.

## NEW FLOORS

The college is advertising this week for contracts to lay new, sound-proof floors on the first and second floors of the administration building.

During the coming month it is hoped that contracts will be made for the rewiring of Edgery building.

"What you need is an electric bath."

"Nothing doing, doc—I had an uncle drown that way up at Sing Sing."

**FORUM LECTURES**

A series of open forum lectures on current problems of the world and government is in progress under the direction of Rev. Max Kapp, at the First Universalist Church, Sunday afternoons at 3:45 p. m.

So much interest was evinced last year, when the forum was first opened, that this year the Rev. Max Kapp has arranged a varied program which will bring to Fitchburg such famous men as Max Lerner, editor of "The Nation," Diwaker Salvi of India, and Dr. Ch'ao-Ting Chi of China.

Following spirited addresses on matters with which they are particularly well acquainted, the speakers will answer questions which members of the audience may ask from the floor.

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**Basketball**

many baskets from you, Aubrey.

Jeffrey, Lanides, and Braconier, members of last years team have been showing some great form on the floor. The student body looks forward to your really "blooming" this year.

The newcomers are giving the old members a "merry" scrap for the first-string positions. It would be no surprise to see new faces in the starting lineup.

The newcomers are: Godek, of the erstwhile hockey team, and the freshmen; Berry, Bennett, Stanley, and Deveicus.

The home games of the basketball season this year are to be played in the B. F. Brown Junior High School Gym. No admittance is to be charged for these games, but we urge that the student body and faculty as a whole do their share in outfitting this team which is greatly in need of finance.

The spirit and "Pep" behind the student body and faculty will be carried out by the boys of the team. A victory for them is for you. They need your help.

**WOMEN'S WINTER SCHEDULE OF SPORTS**

The three B's, bowling, basketball, and badminton comprise the schedule which the girls will enjoy during their winter season.

A goodly number of hoopsters turned out at the first basketball practice held in the gym last Tuesday. Helen Nortonen head of basketball, has made the following plans for the competitive games to be played after several technique practices. Division games will precede the struggle for the interclass championship, and then the color supremacy will be contested. The days reserved for basketball are Tuesdays from 3 to 5 o'clock. Thursdays from 4 to 5 o'clock.

Bowling began on Wednesday at the Putnam St. Alleys under Eleanor McCarthy, head of bowling. Wednesday from 4 to 5 o'clock will continue to be the bowling hour.

Badminton will be open to all classes except freshmen on Wednesday from 3 to 4 o'clock and on Thursday from 3 to 4

**GIRLS BASKETBALL SEMINAR AT RADCLIFFE**

Miss Josephine Bolger, director of physical education and Miss Stafford, assistant director, invited Helen Nortonen, head of basketball, and Barbara Baldwin, native Lunenburg athletes, to attend a basketball discussion at Radcliffe College last evening. This discussion included a demonstration of rules and techniques with pointers on team play and officiating. There was also a meeting of the Boston Board of officials

Both men and women basketball enthusiasts will be interested to know that tomorrow afternoon and evening the Central Mass. Basketball Seminar will be held at the Worcester Y. M. C. A.

**STATE SPENDS \$1,000 FOR WEATHER STRIPPING**

The State is spending \$1,000 for weather stripping the Edgerly building, for weather proofing windows, and for painting the trim on Edgerly, Junior High, and the heating plant.

All the windows in the Junior High and Edgerly are being weather proofed. The windows on the north and northwest corners of the dormitories and the Administration building are also being made weather proof.

The legislature appropriated money so that the exterior trim or the Edgerly building, Junior High, and the heating plant will have the same light trim which contrasts so well with the somber dark color of the brick...

The corridors and stair wells at Edgerly are also being painted.

**INTRA-MURAL SOCCER****SOPHS — SENIORS TIE**

Intra-Mural Soccer ended Monday with the Seniors and Sophomores tied for top honors.

In the opening games the Sophomores outplayed the Freshmen and won the game to tune of 3 to 0 while the Seniors won from the Juniors by a forfeit.

Monday afternoon the Senior class booters and the Sophomores played a 1 to 1 tie..

The Sophomores scored early in the game when O'Connell sent the ball through the uprights.

The Seniors score was made in the 2nd period after Owens dribbled the ball down the sidelines and sent a pass to Busby who tied the score with a well-placed kick into the goal mouth.

**Result of Games:**

Sophomores 3 .....	Freshmen 0
Seniors(won by forfeit)	Juniors
Sophomores 1 .....	Seniors 1

## CAMPUS CHATTER

People who eat at filling stations are apt to have gas on the stomach.

John Flood tells us this story —

"I was beginning to be terribly absent minded in college at one time - so much so that once I went to class and left a note on my door saying that I was out. When I got back I sat down outside and waited for a considerable time for myself to return."

I see our ex-editor beat Trippy in reserving a table for the Christmas banquet.

### Playing Cozy

A dorm boy made a call to Miller Hall to make a date for some freshmen boys, while a group gathered around both phones. He kidded the young lady who answered and she kidded in return. After the call and the dates had been made, both turned ed to their respective groups and said, "Don't let him (her) know it was me." But they only fooled themselves for we knew all the time.

Holt contributes the laugh of the week.

"Why are your socks on wrong side out?"

"My feet were hot, so I turned the hose on them."

There was once a chap whose wife presented him with three bouncing boys—triplets. The day after the happy and somewhat startling event, his employer called him into the office and handed him a silver cup. Poor Brown, still weak from the previous day's shock, and somewhat at a loss for words, turned to his employer and said, "Say, Boss, is this cup mine now—or do I have to win it three years in succession?"

Mr. Weston has noticed Olaf Braconier's haircut, have you?

Who besides Downs gets mail from Reading, signed B. W.? Hi R. L.

A stitch in time saves a good pair of pants.

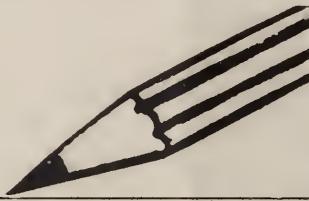
Kitty K., who works as custodian of the butter, sends slabs of it all marked up with messages and X's similar to those of Neolithic man, to George K., who eats in the dining hall.

Three cheers, Colson! Here's to more shirts and better shoes.

We're just as happy as if we had brains—W. P.

Dear Reader;

If you can think of something that will fit into this column, grab this pencil—



and jot it down and drop it into the postoffice, box 411.

### Mr. Anthony

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sage of the Smith-Hughes Act by congress in 1917, which established the policies and regulation for the expenditure of millions of federal funds in the support of the many types of vocational education.

The program was Departmental; the divisions follow:

1. Division of Vocational Training for Men
2. Division of Vocational Training for Women
3. Division of Rehabilitation of disabled Workers
4. Industrial Arts Education

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(A prize with every play, too) There will be pingpong for everyone who likes it, and the best part of it is that we have a new pingpong table so that there will be two tables in use. There will be a shooting gallery, as of last year, and also the game of Darts which was not included last year. For those who enjoy playing cards of all sorts, there will be room. So you see there is something to suit everyone.

Tickets for the All School Social may be obtained from the following ticket sellers:

Paul Flaherty	Graduates
Mary Clark	Senior J
Dorothy Dolan	J
Vincent Glennon	E4
Matthew Godek	E
Milton Jeffrey	PA
Merilis Cote	Junior E4A
Jerry Lyons	E4B
Joseph Daniels	JA
Norma Richardson	JB
James Baker	PA
Viola Bruso	Soph. 1
Dorothy Sears	2
Harry O'Connell	PA
Ruth Kasper	Fresh. 1
Raymond Stanley	2
John Mulski	PA
J. Warren Anderson	Faculty

Landlady: "If you don't stop playing that saxophone you will drive me crazy."

Sax Player: "Ha, ha, you're crazy already. I stopped playing an hour ago."

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